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Washington, D.C. – In recent months, turmoil in the U.S. credit markets has made it harder for some lenders to provide student loans.

In the Direct Loan Program, the Department of Education acts as the lender, guaranteeing a straightforward process for students and parents.

The text of the letter Rep. McNerney sent can be seen below and also by accessing this link:  
[http://McNerney.house.gov/pdf/Direct\\_Loan\\_Letter.pdf](http://McNerney.house.gov/pdf/Direct_Loan_Letter.pdf)

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Dr. Raul Rodriguez, Superintendent/President  
San Joaquin Delta College  
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Stockton, CA. 95207

Dear Mr. Rodriguez,

The recent economic downturn and a tightening of credit markets have affected the finances of families across the country.

As you know, the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program provides students and parents with fixed interest rate loans.

Another option is the Direct Loan Program. Unlike FFEL and private financing, Direct Loans are offered

Therefore, if your institution is not already a participating school, I encourage you to register in the Direc

Congress has worked aggressively to address the need to make higher education more accessible and

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney  
Member of Congress